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ABSTRACT

Developed for the Basic Skills Testing Program (BSTP) in New South Wales, Australia, this teacher's manual describes the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Tests of Basic Skills. The two tests in this series, Aspects of Literacy and Aspects of Numeracy, were administered statewide by government school classroom teachers in August, 1989 to a population of 55,000 Year 6 students. In this manual, a discussion of the rationale behind the tests and an overview of the tests is followed by a description of procedures for administering the tests and a detailed explanation of ways to analyze the results. Appendixes include descriptions of students who fall into particular score ranges and bands of skills, diagnostic map charts, group analysis charts, and answers for the tests. Sample copies of the Aspects of Literacy and Aspects of Numeracy test books are included. (MM)

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